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SUBJECT: SAUDI MINISTER'S VIEWS ON TERRORISM

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1. AHMAD ZAKI YAMANI, SAUDI MINISTER OF PETROLEUM  
EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR HIS INDIGNATION AT THE  
ROME/ATHENS INCIDENT. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT  
ISRAEL WAS PROBABLY BEHIND THIS LATEST SERIES OF  
ACTIONS (THIS VIEW IS VERY WIDESPREAD HERE) BECAUSE  
"ISRAEL IS THE ONLY ONE WHO BENEFITS BY THEM." HE  
SAID IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THE ARABS COULD FIND PROOF  
OF ISRAELI CONNECTION BUT HE WAS SURE NO ARAB STATE  
WAS CAPABLE OF FINDING IT AND "EVEN IF WE HAVE ABSOLUTE  
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PROOF NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE US."

2. HE SAID HE WAS WILLING TO ADMIT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME ARAB LUNATICS SUCH AS QADHAFFI OR THE IRAQI BATH COULD BE BEHIND THE ATROCITY, BUT IT WAS IMMATERIAL IF CRIME WAS INSPIRED BY ISRAEL OR THE ARABS; THE IMPORTANT THING WAS TO GIVE THE MURDERERS A QUICK MILITARY TRIAL AND THEN SHOOT THEM THE SAME DAY. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PALESTINIANS TAKE CARE OF THIS THEMSELVES.

3. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM HE APPRECIATED HIS VIEWS BUT NOTED THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAD MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO ASKED IF THE SAUDI VIEWS HAD BEEN PASSED TO KUWAIT.

4. MINISTER YAMANI REPLIED THAT A SAUDI STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE ON DECEMBER 22, BUT HE THOUGHT NOTHING HAD BEEN PASSED ON THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT, AT LEAST NOT YET.  
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